

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on March 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Willis Curdy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lexi Goble, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 48, 2/27/2017; SB 49, 2/27/2017

Committee Business:

00:00:48 Chair White
 00:09:42 Rep. Windy Boy
 00:09:59 Rep. Z. Brown
 00:10:35 Chair White
 00:13:40 Rep. B. Brown
 00:15:05 Rep. Flynn
 00:18:36 Rep. Fleming
 00:19:37 Chair White
 00:19:48 Rep. Manzella
 00:21:40 Rep. Windy Boy
 00:22:29 Chair White
 00:23:47 Rep. Windy Boy
 00:24:37 Chair White
 00:25:49 Rep. Court
 00:26:40 Chair White
 00:26:58 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 00:27:30 Chair White
 00:27:45 Rep. Gunderson
 00:28:53 Chair White
 00:29:16 Joe Kolman, LSD
 00:29:33 Chair White

HEARING ON SB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:26 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 46, Revise laws on forest reserve money kept in state treasury.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:19 Bark Bruno, Department of Administration (DOA)
 00:36:00 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
[EXHIBIT\(nah50a01\)](#)

00:39:21 Rep. Curdy joined the meeting

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:57 Rep. Fleming
 00:41:32 Harold Blattie, MACo
 00:42:11 Chair White
 00:42:32 Harold Blattie. MACo
 00:43:24 Chair White
 00:43:50 Bark Bruno, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:13 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON SB 48**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:23 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 48, Direct DEQ to assume dredge-and-fill permitting program.

[EXHIBIT\(nah50a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah50a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:05 Jeff Ryan, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:17 Bryan Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

00:59:06 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

01:04:07 Bill Cook, Self

01:08:49 Jeff Barber, Clark Fork Coalition (CFC)

01:10:32 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony:

01:12:23 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

01:13:27 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation District (MACD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:45 Rep. Z. Brown

01:13:42 Jeff Tiberi, MACD

01:14:49 Rep. Z. Brown

01:22:02 Sen. Vincent

01:23:37 Rep. Flynn

01:24:23 Tim Davis, DEQ

01:24:58 Jeff Ryan, Self

01:25:54 Rep. Flynn

01:27:19 Sen. Vincent

01:29:23 Rep. Flynn

01:30:14 Sen. Vincent

01:32:41 Rep. Curdy

01:33:15 Tim Davis, DEQ

01:33:24 Rep. Gunderson

01:33:54 Sen. Vincent

01:34:12 Rep. Fleming

01:34:50 Sen. Vincent

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01:36:18 Rep. Court

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01:44:41 Rep. Flynn
01:45:30 Sen. Vincent
01:47:00 Chair White
01:50:26 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
01:50:45 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:26 Sen. Vincent

01:59:43 Rep. B. Brown

EXHIBIT(nah50a04)

02:01:21 Rep. Z. Brown
02:02:20 Chair White
02:04:11 Rep. Fleming
02:04:24 Rep. B. Brown
02:05:07 Rep. Gunderson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:05:40

Lexi Goble, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah50aad.pdf](#))